



June 26, 2020

Assalaamu Alaykum,

RE-OPENING OF BCMA MASAJID AND CENTERS PHASE 3

On June 3, 2020, we informed everyone the gradual re-opening of our masjid and centers within the guidelines set by the Public Health Officer.

We are pleased to inform you that effective June 29, all BCMA masjid and centers will be able to accommodate our sisters as well. We will, however, still restrict children 16 years and under until further notice. *The maximum number of persons per session shall still be fifty (50).*

Therefore, please contact your local branch for your prayer spot reservations.

The following are some of the restrictions and responsibilities that shall apply to the congregants and the managements:

Restrictions:

- (a) Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 including fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat and painful swallowing, must isolate at home for a minimum of 10 days;
- (b) Anyone under the direction of the Provincial Health Officer to self-isolate must follow those instructions;
- (c) Anyone who has arrived from outside of Canada, or who is a contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case, to self-isolate for 14 days and monitor for symptoms;
- (d) Persons under 16 years of age.

Congregant Responsibility:

- (a) Ensure you are permitted to attend a prayer at BCMA facility by the branch management;
- (b) We recommend to visit washroom and make your wudu from home before coming to pray;
- (c) Facemask or covering is recommended;
- (d) Bring a sanitized prayer mat;
- (e) Arrive at the door 10 minutes before Iqama time;
- (f) Exit the prayer hall and property within 10 minutes after the Fard salat. Please perform your Sunnah and Nawafil prayers at home;
- (g) Maintain 2-meter physical distancing at all times which means there shall be no hand shaking nor hugging on BCMA property;
- (h) Follow any other rules set out by the local managements.

Branch Management Responsibility:

- (a) Set up process to permit a maximum of 50 persons to pray per session;
- (b) Permit and supervise congregants coming for prayer;
- (c) Ensure 2-meter physical distancing rule is followed both inside the building and outside on BCMA property;
- (d) Provide hand sanitizers at entrance;
- (e) Disallow persons exhibiting sickness;
- (f) Sanitize hard surface at least once a day;
- (g) Sanitize high touch surfaces at least twice a day;
- (h) Install CDC signage;
- (i) Keep full record and file weekly incident report.

The Executive Council has also empowered each local branch managements to develop rules and guidelines suited to their respective site so we would highly appreciate if you please respectfully follow them.

The BCMA shall not be liable for any person(s) who acts contrary to the guidance of the Public Health Officer that may result in any negative outcome whatsoever.

We ask Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala that He protects us and showers us with His mercy, gives shifaa to all those afflicted with illness and grants Shahada to all that succumb, that He rewards all our essential workers, accepts our supplications, that He guides us to make the right decisions and forgives us for our shortcomings. Ameen.

The BC Muslim Association

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Abdullah Nasib Ali', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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